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10. (Confidential - JMM) Michael Gertner, Legislative Assistant to Senator William B. Saxbe, called to say that Senator John Sherman Cooper has asked Senator Saxbe to cosponsor Cooper's bill (S. 2224) which would require the Agency to provide intelligence information to the Congress as a whole. Mr. Gertner said he would like my views on this bill. I said I could not speak officially, but personally I found the language unclear on several points, such as the role of the Armed Services and Foreign Relations Committees facilitating the dissemination of intelligence information to the full membership, the standards which would govern access for congressional employees, and how security would be maintained. Gertner said he would bring these points to the attention of Saxbe who might take them up with Cooper. Gertner said that the Agency looked so good in the light of the "Pentagon papers" that there was an obvious feeling in the Senate that, if they had had access to Agency information they could have played a more constructive role in recent foreign policy development. I said I could appreciate this but pointed out the Director had never refused to testify in executive session on matters within his competence and within the jurisdiction of the Committee involved. As an example, I noted that over half of the Senate had at one time or another been briefed on our involvements in Laos. However I emphasized that we were part of the Executive Branch and the whole question of the handling of classified information between the Executive and Legislative Branches went considerably beyond my competence and probably would have to be resolved in the White House. Gertner spoke of Senator Saxbe's high regard for the Director, and said he would like to get acquainted with the Agency and suggested we have lunch following the recess.

11. (Confidential - JMM) James Gehrig, Staff Director, Senate Aeronautical and Space Sciences Committee, called to say he was disturbed over the impending revocation of the special clearances for [redacted] of the [redacted] Library of Congress. Gehrig said that [redacted] had been an extremely valuable source of technical support for the Committee and they would like to know:

(a) whether we were aware of any derogatory information regarding [redacted] and

(b) if not, what could be done to enable him to retain his clearances. He said the clearances were apparently being revoked as a result of White House instructions to reduce the number of outstanding clearances, and the order regarding [redacted] had been ordered by Bill Anders, Executive Secretary of the Space Council. I said I would look into the question of derogatory information and also see if we could do anything about the clearances.

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